

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 471

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Alice Hanlon Peisch**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act to Assure College and Career Readiness through Six-Year Career Plans for all  
Massachusetts Public School Students.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
James E. Timilty	Bristol and Norfolk
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.	5th Norfolk
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO ASSURE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS THROUGH SIX-YEAR CAREER PLANS FOR ALL MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. This Act will require all Massachusetts public school districts to prepare all students for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers through the development of an individualized 6-year post secondary plan as a requirement for graduation. This 6-year plan will be coordinated by licensed school guidance counselors who are provided the conditions to work in accordance with standards-based, comprehensive, developmental school counseling practices. All students graduating in 2017 and beyond shall have had the benefit of a six-year career and college readiness plan.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), in partnership with the Department of Higher Education (DHE), shall, 90 days after enactment, convene a volunteer advisory committee to review and make recommendations on the development and implementation process for six-year career planning standards to be passed in immediately with full grade 6-12 career planning to be in place for students scheduled for graduation in 2017.

The advisory committee shall include representation from the Readiness Project, Leaders for Education coalition, vocational secondary schools, MASCA, The College Board, MEFA, the Massachusetts Principal's Association, the Massachusetts Superintendent's Association, Massachusetts PTA, Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Massachusetts Life Science Center, the Massachusetts High Technology Council, and the National Center for School Counseling Outcome Research.